

Dear Friends,

This splendid supplement to Interventional Neuroradiology, devoted to the Neuroradiology of Arteriovenous Malformations, offers me the chance to recall some of our milestones on the tenth anniversary of the journal's publication.

Having decided to found a journal dedicated to interventional and therapeutic neuroradiology, I explored a number of solutions and contacted different publishers to assess the feasibility of the project. My experience gained as Editor-in-Chief of Rivista di Neuroradiologia, founded in 1988, convinced me that complete independence from any commercial publishing house was the only way to guarantee maximum editorial freedom and freedom from the economic constraints which led many, albeit authoritative journals to close. My prime aim was to establish a point of reference for publication of our work and dissemination of our scientific skills and offer colleagues a forum for news and views on all aspects of this fascinating new field. Equally important was to emphasize that interventional and therapeutic activities are integral parts of neuroradiology today. The journal's name reflected what could already be termed diagnostic and therapeutic neuroradiology, diagnostic knowledge being a prerequisite to clinical and interventional neuroradiological practice.

I found the best possible Editor-in-Chief in Pierre Lasjaunias. We have known each other since 1973 when I was in Paris training in angiography under the late Prof. René Djindjian. We have become firm friends sharing ideas, dreams and projects. What more could one ask of friendship? We have worked together very hard, first for the ESNR - European Society of Neuroradiology, the ECNR European Course in Neuroradiology, devised and implemented by Pierre, followed by the ESNR Advanced Course, producing myriad publications. All this came together with the project for Interventional Neuroradiology to which we have devoted our evenings and weekends for the past decade.

As Pierre recalls in his editorial, we presented the first issue of Interventional Neuroradiology to the WFITN Congress in Kyoto in 1995. The outcome was important for two reasons. Firstly, Interventional Neuroradiology was accepted by the WFITN and JSNET as their official journal. Secondly, publication in English of studies by Japanese colleagues is one of the achievements we are most proud of: their excellent work, the proceedings of their important annual meetings, had previously been

precluded to colleagues without Japanese. I am deeply indebted to Makoto Negoro for his ongoing support and help in JSNET's contribution to the journal which has given all of us greater insights into the fascinating world of Japan.

The journal has not been without its hurdles, namely the usual problem of how to cover the costs. Relations with our sponsors have not always run smoothly and in some cases the publication of "undesirable" papers led to withdrawal of sponsorship for a number of years. An anecdote illustrates my policy in dealing with potential sponsors. When manufacturers would say they failed to see the use of publishing advertisements in Interventional Neuroradiology because it would not have boosted sales, I would retort that their contribution has only the semblance of advertising: a page in Interventional Neuroradiology serves as graphic testimony of a company's support; we are in the realm of patronage, advantages are indirect but as the sector grows, so will its field of activity with knock-on economic advantages. On the whole, the contributors grasped the message and granted the necessary advertising for which we all are grateful: publisher, editor, authors and readers.

We have nonetheless had a resounding success in defending what must be any journal's most important asset: its complete scientific and editorial independence. Nowhere is this plainer than in the current issue: it is sponsored by ev3 the producers of Onyx, recently FDA approved, and we are very grateful, but it is a long way from being a targeted semi-commercial publication. The articles reflect the authors' scientific views, freely expressed and subjected only to peer review by the ad hoc scientific editor Anton Valavanis.

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